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COLOMBIA

GUERRILLAS ATTACK HEALTH MINISTRY DEPOT

Paris AFP in Spanish 2125 GMT 29 Sep 74 C

[Text] Bogota, 29 Sep--It has been reported that Castroite guerrillas armed with machineguns today attacked a Health Ministry storage depot in the southern part of the capital, making off with a quantity of drugs.

The Radio Santa Fe quoted military sources as saying that the guerrillas--two men and a woman--overpowered two watchmen and identified themselves as members of the Army of National Liberation [ELN]. They then took a large quantity of drugs for subversive groups. Finally, after painting revolutionary slogans on the walls, they fled with shouts of "Viva ELN."

There was also an announcement today about a probable government amnesty for armed rebels, particularly those operating in Antioquia Department.

An action of this type had not occurred in several years, because guerrillas in Colombia almost always operate in the mountains and very rarely in urban areas.

GOVERNMENT RECOVERS ISLAND FROM VENEZUELA

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 27 Sep 74 p 6-A C

[Excerpts] After 32 years of intensive negotiations, Colombia has recovered the island of Yarumal, located on the border between Colombia's Arauca Intendancy and Venezuela's Apure State.

The island had been in Venezuelan hands since 1942 for reasons which have not been explained. It represents incalculable wealth to Colombia in the agricultural field.

It has been learned in Cucuta that the Venezuelan Government decided to return the territory to Colombian sovereignty.

On various occasions the Colombian flag was lowered on the island by the Venezuelan guard, giving rise to conflicts between the Arauca and Apure authorities. The flag will begin waving on the island at the conclusion of the talks.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

PRD LEADERS REPROACHED FOR SEEKING US INTERVENTION

Santo Domingo Radio Clarin Network in Spanish 0200 GMT 27 Sep 74 F

[Station commentary]

[Text] It seems a lie, and it is evidently incredible, that today, Thursday, 26 September 1974, the flamboyant Dominican Revolutionary Party [PRD], which self-styles itself the vanguard of nationalism, is waiting in the antercoms of U.S. Senator George McGovern and other high personalities of that country to plea for their intervention into the domestic affairs of the Dominican Republic.

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